Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani

January 9, 2008

An act to amend Section 219 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to jury service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1769, as introduced, Galgiani. Jury service: peace officer exemption.

Existing law exempts certain peace officers from voir dire in civil and criminal matters, and other specified peace officers from voir dire in criminal matters.

This bill would exempt all peace officers, as defined, from voir dire in civil and criminal matters.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 219 of the Code of Civil Procedure is 2 amended to read:
- 3 219. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the jury commissioner shall randomly select jurors for jury panels to be sent to courtrooms for voir dire.
- 6 (b) (1)—Notwithstanding subdivision (a), no peace officer, as defined in Section 830.1, subdivision (a) of Section 830.2, and subdivision (a) of Section 830.33, Chapter 4.5 (commencing with

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- 1 Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, shall be selected
- 2 for voir dire in civil or criminal matters.
- 3 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), no peace officer, as defined
- 4 in subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 830.2 of the Penal Code,
- 5 shall be selected for voir dire in criminal matters.